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SUBJECT: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE - WORK PLAN

REF: BELCHER/ FRECHETTE TELCON JUNE 15

1. AMBASSADOR BERCKEMEYER CALLED ON ASST SECRETARY KUBISCH
JUNE 14 TO DISCUSS UPCOMING MEETING OF OAS SPECIAL COM-
MITTEE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, BERCKEMEYER SAID FOREIGN
MINISTRY ENVISAGES SET UP OF FOUR SUBCOMMITTEES:

- SUBCOMMITTEE ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT
- SUBCOMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL MATTERS
- SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIC STRUCTURE
OF THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM
- SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
THAT WE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THEIR IDEAS BUT
HAVE A FEW SUGGESTIONS THEY MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER.

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3. LARGER COUNTRIES WILL PROBABLY MOUNT DELEGATIONS OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THESE SUBCOMMITTEES. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, ON BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US THAT MANY OAS MEMBERS WILL HAVE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO HANDLE FOUR COMMITTEES. IN PART THIS COULD BE OBIATED BY PRIOR AGREEMENT TO HAVE NO MORE THAN TWO MEETINGS GOING AT ANY ONE TIME, I. E., EITHER ONE

PLENARY AND ONE SUBCOMMITTEE OR TWO SUBCOMMITTEES. BUT DELEGATIONS ALSO HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THESE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND STRUCTURE OF FOUR COMMITTEES MIGHT UNINTENTIONALLY PROVE TO BE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CONCEPT OF FULL PARTICIPATION BY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES, FROM THE SMALLEST TO THE LARGEST.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD SUGGEST THEY CONSIDER ALTERING THEIR PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR SOMEWHAT MORE MANAGEABLE STRUCTURE OF THREE COMMITTEES. THESE WOULD COMPRISE (A) COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, (B) POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL MATTERS AND (C) ONE THAT MIGHT BE CALLED " SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM." WE ASSUME PERUVIANS HAVE IN MIND THAT SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT WOULD ENCOMPASS STUDY OF IA- ECOSOC, CIECC AND BANK. SUBCOMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL MATTERS WOULD HANDLE THAT AND SECURITY QUESTIONS. IN OUR TENTATIVE VIEW A COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION COULD SUBSUME THE WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

5. IF EACH SUBCOMMITTEE HAS WORK PLAN THAT TACKLES ISSUES IN AN ORDERLY FASHION, WE THINK THIS STRUCTURE MIGHT PROVIDE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL PARTICIPATION BY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES.

6. WE ARE INFORMING PERUVIANS HERE OF OUR VIEWS. ROGERS

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